

11/14/00

To: CINMS Advisory Council

From: Linda Krop, Conservation Representative

Re: Conservation Working Group Report, 11/14/00

The Conservation Working Group (CWG) met on Tuesday, November 14, 2000.

1. Linda Krop handed out copies of the article authored by Robert Sollen that appeared in the Nov. 12 edition of the Santa Barbara News-Press.
2. L. Krop announced the Nov. 17 BEACON meeting to consider a resolution conditionally opposing expansion of the CINMS. **The CWG recommended that BEACON be advised to: take a more positive approach; consider opportunities for partnership; wait until the draft Management Plan and EIS are available to take a position on alternatives; and take advantage of flexible approaches to sanctuary regulations.** L. Krop will attend the meeting.
3. The CWG discussed the status of the Marine Reserves Working Group (MRWG) process. Given that most CWG members had not had the opportunity to review the information in the SAC packet, no recommendation was made. Chris Miller was present and provided his perspectives to the Group. A CWG meeting will be scheduled in early December to allow for a presentation by CWG member Greg Helms and to provide an update from the 11/15 MRWG meeting. In the meantime, **the CWG agreed to advise the SAC of its strong support for the MRWG process.**
4. The CWG was advised about the draft Marine Resource Management Program, and encouraged to **submit comments by Nov. 30.**
5. Future SAC agenda items: **the CWG formally requests that a presentation be made to the SAC regarding the non-regulatory programs of the CINMS, including both current programs as well as programs that may be included in the upcoming draft Management Plan Update. The CWG requested that the presentation be made as soon as possible, as it relates directly to the Management Plan Update process.**